

UAHC on AIDS

Usually he says hello first. We've become close friends, Robert and I, in the two years we've served together on the UAHC AIDS Committee. When we first see each other at committee meetings or at Biennials, we give each other a big hug. I ask about his wife and children, he asks about my whomever, and we make plans for dinner after the meeting.

This time the greeting was different. We had come together for the fall session of the committee in New York in mid-October, just after the showing of the quilt in Washington. Robert had been there.

"We have to have the quilt at the Biennial next year," he said, as soon as we spotted each other. Before he could elaborate, two more committee members joined us and agreed. They, too, had been in Washington. None had lost family members or close friends to AIDS; it didn't matter. Our fight was their fight, our concerns their concerns, our pain their pain.

Before the day was over, we had made certain that the quilt would be shown at the 1989 Biennial in New Orleans, along with a memorial service for all who have died of AIDS.

The committee did more. We arranged for letters to be sent to every Reform rabbi and congregational leader in California, asking them to urge members of their congregations to vote against Propositions 102 and 96. It's rare that the UAHC takes a position on a state initiative, but the importance of these two, and their vicious and pernicious nature, made it clear that something had to be done. No one doubted that if they passed in California, those who sponsored them would quickly be at work in other states, and the fight against AIDS would be infinitely more difficult. So the considerable influence of the Union was brought to bear.

We reviewed new educational materials prepared by committee members for use in the congregations, and compared notes on what was being done in the



various regions around the country. The work of the Northeast Region was particularly impressive and heartening. The UAHC Regional Office in Boston has organized a hospital visiting and counseling program for people with AIDS. They have written liturgy and creative educational materials. They have shown Hillel students how to teach high school youth in the religious schools about AIDS. The college students are only a few years older than those they are teaching, and seem to be able to get the safe-sex message across more effectively than doctors or rabbis.

Late in the afternoon we completed our planning for workshops for the New Orleans Biennial (and for regional conventions, such as the one in Monterey this February), and took one final action. We recommended that the Rabbi Eisen-drath Award for Achievement in Social Action, given by the UAHC every two years, be awarded in 1989 to Dr. Math-

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Latke Luau Beats the Drizzle Blues

Being ecologically minded Californians, we can't admit (at least publicly) that we don't like the regular drizzle that's now upon us. After all, we need it pretty badly. But soggiess gets old pretty fast. So, instead of letting you sit there and kvetch, Sha'ar Zahav has a solution for you. Win a trip to Hawaii for yourself and your favorite friend! It's simple—just buy yourself some raffle tickets. And don't be stingy with the opportunity—sell some to your friends.

Then come to the Chanukah Latke Luau on Sunday, December 11 at 2 pm at the Unitarian Center (corner of Franklin and Geary) and celebrate with us, while you wait for the big moment to arrive when Eric Keitel, our raffle *macher*, pulls out your ticket and wishes you bon voyage.

Now just in case you hate standing in lines, don't worry. We'll have plenty of diversions before the big moment—mountains of latkes produced by George Lucas and his intrepid band of cooks (with or without Cuisinarts), menorah-lighting and singing with Rabbi Kahn and friends, a silent auction with wonders known only to Auction Coordinator Don Albert, and lots more.

Once again, we have decided to hold the party during the daylight hours to make it more accessible to children. There will be a special program for them coordinated by Mark Freeman, with a "secret place," a treasure hunt, and other fun things to do.

And for everybody, there will be music to dance your *tuches* (and the latkes) off. So don't delay, get your raffle tickets, polish your menorah, and reserve the date.

We still need help with set up, decorations and other items. If you'd like to help, please call Allyce Kimerling at 282-6599.

See you at the luau ... and don't forget the Coppertone.

Election Elation!

Perhaps that's overstating the case, but I did get your attention.

On election night a friend's parents were invited by liberal (yes, I use the "L" word, though I always thought that phrase referred to lesbians) friends of theirs who were anticipating George Bush's victory, to a bereavement party and were told to bring something appropriate for a shiva call. That might have been a tasteless way to mourn the election results, but I certainly understand the sentiment.

Clearly things could have been worse. Proposition 102 could have passed. The Senate could have gone Republican. Bush could have won in a landslide. But Bush did win, Proposition 96 did pass and we have a lot to be angry about. So what can we do?

We are in the month of Kislev, the month of Chanukah. There are three symbols of Chanukah which we should keep in mind in viewing the outcome of the election. (While I'm on the subject of Chanukah, remember, it's our biggest fundraiser—sell your raffle tickets and be sure to attend the party.)

Light: The overwhelming symbol of Chanukah is light. Light for me symbolizes hope, and I believe that any life without hope isn't a life worth living. On the morning after election day, I felt immobilized. I dressed in black and went about my day, just going through the motions. I was filled with anger and rage. People voted for Bush because they were financially well-off and they really didn't care that others were not. How can people be so narrowly focused, I wondered in amazement? And how can I escape the rut I'd gotten myself into?

Then I started thinking about lights. Not only is light the sign of hope, but light was the first act of creation and "it was good." I've always believed that people are basically good and I have no reason to think otherwise. The light of Chanukah, and hope and goodness associated with the light, are my reminders that things may turn out to be better than we anticipate.

Dedication: At Chanukah, we celebrate the rededication of the Second Temple following the Maccabees' vic-

tory over Antiochus Epiphanes. We can use the election results to rededicate ourselves to work together on what needs to be done. And there is a lot to do. But we can reassure ourselves that in defeating Proposition 102, we know that when lives are at stake, we can unite and be successful.

We can also dedicate ourselves to fighting. We will have a former CIA director in the White House. Our economy, with its largest debt in history, is expected to tumble in coming years. AIDS funding hasn't been generous to date, and although I certainly hope I'm wrong, I think we have little reason to think it will improve greatly. Four of our Supreme Court justices are in or near their 80s and Bush may have an opportunity to reshape that court. Remember, the current "moderate" court ruled that the Georgia law prohibiting consensual, private sexual acts between people of the same sex was a perfectly constitutional law. If that's what a moderate court ruled, imagine what a conservative court could do. As Leslie Bergson said in a sermon recently, "We live in desperate times, folks; we may have to act desperately."

Miracle: We light Chanukah candles, adding one each night and eventually reaching eight, to symbolize the miracle of the oil lasting eight days in the Temple. If we think back to this summer, Proposition 102 was favored by the voters by about 70 to 30 percent. Proposition 102 lost by about that same margin. We worked, we struggled, we sweated, we gave money, and we redirected our energy to change the minds of about 50 percent of the California voters. No politician has done that. Few other issues have ever experienced such a dramatic change.

My dictionary gives "an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing or accomplishment" as a definition of miracle. In light of where we started, Proposition 102's defeat was a miracle.

So let's look to Chanukah to celebrate our successes, and to give us the strength we need to continue the battles.

See you at the party on the 11th.

—Robin Leonard, President

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- 21 Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, in honor of Enoch Harrison on the occasion of his retirement as custodian of CSZ
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Lesley and Elena Sternin-Moser, in appreciation of Rabbi Kahn's many phone calls and caring messages

Torah Fund

Mike Rankin, in honor of Laurence Jacobs on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah, and in honor of Irene Minsky's birthday.

ARC/AIDS Theatre

The San Francisco ARC/AIDS Theatre will be performing at Sha'ar Zahav on Friday evening, Dec. 16. The performance, scenes and a musical number from the theater's program will follow our Friday evening service in the sanctuary. The ARC/AIDS Theatre was begun by a group of people with AIDS and ARC interested in exploring issues pertaining to AIDS through the medium of theater. The ARC/AIDS Theatre has been meeting at CSZ over the past year and the members of the group are presenting this performance as a token of their thanks to the congregation.

Jewish Information Line

Jewish Community Information & Referral, a telephone resource for information concerning Jewish activities and services in the Bay Area, is looking for volunteers to staff the phone lines and do research. If you are interested and are available one morning a week, please contact JCI&R director Lillian Schaechner at 777-4545 between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm.



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Chanukah

Chanukah, our Festival of Light, begins this year on Saturday evening, December 3. We begin with a single candle and add another each night of the holiday.

Most Jews are familiar with the outlines of the Chanukah story: In the year 167 B.C.E., the Greek king Antiochus Epiphanes tried to force all the people under his rule to Hellenize. Jewish rituals, including Shabbat observance and circumcision, were forbidden, and the worship of the Greek pantheon was ordered.

When the Greek army came to town of Modi'in and built an altar, a Jewish man named Mattathias refused to obey the order to sacrifice at the altar and attacked the Greek troops. With his five sons, he fled to the mountains. Under the leadership of his son Judah the Maccabee, the Hasmoneans fought a guerilla war against Antiochus' armies.

When they liberated Jerusalem and reclaimed the Temple, they could only find enough sanctified oil to relight the Temple's menorah for a single day. But the oil, according to legend, lasted for eight days. Since then, we have celebrated Chanukah to commemorate the Maccabee resistance, their successful war of liberation and the miracle of the oil.

The events of the Hasmonean period are well-documented in various historical sources. Although the Books of the Maccabees are not in the Hebrew Bible, they were well-known in Jewish circles. Other accounts are reported by the Greek-Jewish historian Josephus and recorded in the Talmud and in rabbinic literature. While these accounts do not all agree with the popular legends of the origins of Chanukah, the significance of the holiday is found in what it has come to symbolize over the ages. For Jews, Chanukah has always represented resistance to oppression, the struggle to keep our identity in the face of the pressure to assimilate, and the possibility of the miraculous.

The second blessing for the lighting of the Chanukah menorah praises the One "who performed miracles for our ancestors." The rabbis asked: Why is this blessing said on the *first* night of Chanukah? If there was only enough oil to last for one day, then the "miracle" only began on the *second* day! What was so

special about the oil burning when it was supposed to?

This question troubled many commentators over the years. One commentary includes over one hundred different explanations for this question. Michael Strassfeld, in his wonderful book *The Jewish Holidays*, explains that the miracle was not the fact that the oil burned, but the people's faith in lighting the menorah with the knowledge that there was not enough oil to last as long as was needed. He writes: "That same faith led the Maccabees to revolt against impossible odds, to strike like hammers and scatter sparks of revolt in the hills of Judea. They believed they would prevail 'not by strength, nor by power, but through My spirit.' This faith allowed them to light the menorah, and it is this faith that made it burn for eight days. It is the miracle of faith despite darkness, and of belief in the growth of light in the depths of winter."

This winter, we need faith and courage. The political progress of our community on the national level has been seriously slowed by the recent election. We need courage and strength to continue our struggles, sometimes expanding great amounts of resources—material and spiritual—to hold on to what we thought we had already won.

For many, our physical strength is diminished from what it once was or what we wish it would be. Chanukah grows in strength with each day of the festival. Chanukah's miracle is how a single small flame grows larger and larger. The menorah should be placed in a window to be visible to those passing by—just as our inner flame can inspire the spirits of those whose light has dimmed. "As the generations of Israel have kindled light, so may we be among those who, in our day, kindle light." Chag Sameach!

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Well Wishes

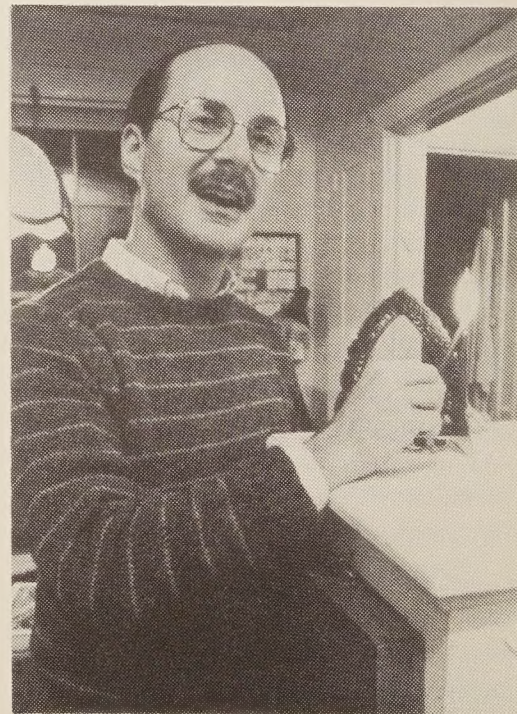
We wish a speedy recovery to David Delroy after his recent operation and hope to see him back in active participation at synagogue.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in October and November. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Marc Mencher and Kirk Hinman
Julie Moed
Sandra Suzanne Morris
Jeffrey Stuart Rubin
Susan Strong, Marcia Cerles and Marc Breindel
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New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.



Ritual Committee Chair Steve Greenberg lights up. Photo by Amy Blasenheim.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 12pm Leadership Development 4pm Ensemble 4pm Chanukah potluck for Children's Chavurah, 456 Hill St., SF Second Night Chanukah				22 Kislev 1 7:30pm Long Range Planning Meeting	23 2 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:15pm Services	24 3 First Night Chanukah 9am Kadimah
	26 5 Third Night Chanukah 7:30pm Education	27 6 Fourth Night Chanukah	28 7 Fifth Night Chanukah	29 8 7:30pm Religious School Meeting, Sue Douglass' home	1 Tevet 9 Rosh Chodesh 7:30pm Children's Service 8:15pm Services	2 10 Eighth Night Chanukah 4pm Liturgy for Healing
3 11 4pm CSZ Chanukah Party at Unitarian Center	4 12 6:30pm Va'ad Newsletter deadline	5 13	6 14 11:30am Soviet Vigil, Green & Baker streets	7 15 6:30 Building; Membership 731-9271 7:30 Social Action; Bikkur Cholim	8 16 8:15pm Services SF ARC/AIDS Theatre follows services	9 17 9am Kadimah
10 18 Siege of Jerusalem, 586 BCE, Fast 10th Day of Tevet 4pm Ensemble	11 19	12 20	13 21 7pm Ritual Copmmittee mailing party	14 22 Winter begins	15 23 8:15pm Services	16 24 8pm Women's Chavurah Games Night
17 25 Christmas 10:30am Kaiser Brunch	18 26	19 27	20 28	21 29 6:30pm Ritual Committee	22 30 8:15pm Services	23 31 10:30am Morning Services

Ritual Calendar

Friday, December 2

Parshat Vayeshev, Mevarchim
Chodesh Tevet
6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Dana Vinicoff, David Stein
8:15 pm, Late Service
Richard Inlander, Leslie Bergson

Friday, December 9

Parshat Miketz, Shabbat Chanukah
6:15 pm, Children's Service
Jose Luis Moscovich, Nancy Snow
8:15 pm, Late Service
Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Steve Greenberg

Friday, December 16

Parshat Vayigash
8:15 pm
Mike Rankin, Bill Ashley-Dobbin

Friday, December 23

Parshat Vayechi
8:15 pm
Tiela Chalmers, Bill Schlichter
The Torah will be read.

Friday, December 30

Parshat Sh'mot
8:15 pm
Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Leslie Bergson

Saturday, December 31

10:30 am, Morning Service
Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Bill Schlichter

Friday, January 6

Parshat Va-Era, Rosh Chodesh Shevat
6:15 pm, Kabbalat Shabbat
Aaron Frankel
8:15 pm, Late Service
Daniel Chesir

Naches

To **Marsha and Blanche Blachman** on the completion of their video production on daughters of holocaust survivors, "A Holocaust Family Album."

To **Elena and Lesley Sternin-Moser** on the birth of their twins, Joshua and Rachel.

To **Neil Hart** on his photography exhibit which just ended (November 11) at the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

To **Jose Luis Moscovich** who conducted the Iskra Ensemble in a concert of Swedish poetry and music, October 23 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church.

To our member **Eve Meyer** who was married to Jim Edlin on November 6.

To incoming member **Pam Miller** whose baby Zachary had a naming ceremony on November 13.

To **Henry Mach** who is teaching the CCSF course on "Gay Lifestyles" and has begun writing for the Bay Area Reporter.

Yahrzeits

- 2 David Sol Friedman, father of Lyssa Friedman
- 4 Mollie Schickler, grandmother of Lane Schickler
- 4 Meyer Paker, brother of Perry Paker
- 6 Susie Morgentstein, cousin of Judy Macks
- 8 Sherman Kalis, brother of Betty Kalis
- 9 Frieda Shaber, mother of David Shaber
- 12 Mildred Holzman Goldstein
- 13 (Tevet 5) Louis Charney, father of Dr. Philip Charney
- 13 Barbara Mendelow, sister of Mark Mendelow
- 14 (Tevet 6) Bayla Schneidman, sister of Daniel Chesir
- 14 Nevart Azarian, friend of Neil Hart
- 15 (Tevet 7) Jacob Cohen, father of Carol Cohen
- 18 Reuben Ritz, stepfather of Barry Siegel
- 18 Henry Cipriani, friend of Marc Lipschutz
- 18 Robert Harris
- 19 (Tevet 11) Frema Weinstein, mother of Eli Weinstein
- 20 Norman David Kramer, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
- 21 (Tevet 13) Isaac Judah Comerchero, father of Sarah Comerchero
- 21 Thelma Glickman, mother of Rochelle Glickman
- 22 Chester Wisniewski, father of Catherine Wisniewski
- 23 Ruth Rosenfeld, aunt of Alita Rosenfeld
- 23 Harold Berger
- 24 Liesel Bamberger, mother of Jenifer B. Dahlstrom
- 24 Clark Beebe, friend of Bernard Pechter
- 25 A. Martin Lipschutz, father of Marc Lipschutz
- 25 Michael Ward, lover of Mark Freeman
- 27 Harry Hilsenrad, grandfather of Marjorie Hilsenrad
- 28 (Tevet 20) Jack W. Heller, father of Hal Heller
- 30 Jack Ellison, father of Samuel Ellison
- 31 Sam Kimerling, grandfather of Allyce Kimerling

National Social Action Conference

Every two years the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism hosts its Consultation on Conscience, a national social action conference held in Washington, DC. The caucus rooms of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives serve as meeting rooms for the Consultation participants, who are briefed by nationally renowned elected officials and experts on the wide array of issues of concern to the Jewish community.

Some highlights of past conferences include: Rev. Pat Robertson debating Rabbi Alexander Schindler on church/state relations; Leonard Fein on religion and politics; Mary Travers on sanctuary for Central American refugees; Dr. Carl Sagan on the nuclear arms race; Mitch Snyder on homelessness; and Sen. Bill Bradley on health care for the elderly.

The next conference, which will be held on April 9-11, 1989, will continue this superb tradition. The high-level briefings at the Consultation are designed for concerned members of the Jewish community who desire an exciting and in-depth analysis of the issues confronting our society today. Hundreds of rabbis, educators, social action chairs, lay leaders and interested members will converge on Capitol Hill for this extraordinary event:

If you would like to be among those representing our temple at this conference or need more information, please call Mike Rankin at the synagogue office.

Healing Service

Our series of Shabbat afternoon services, Liturgy for Healing, will continue on Saturday, December 10, at 4 pm in the sanctuary. These services are a quiet, reflective opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives, pray as a community and experience healing—however we understand it.

Special features of these services are the beautiful music and the communal support. The liturgy will conclude with Havdalah, the service ending Sabbath, and a light potluck will follow (please bring something to share). If you have any questions, please contact David Glassberg (621-4371) or the synagogue office.

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Condolences

We at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav extend our sympathy to the following members who have suffered a recent loss.

To **Congregation Sha'ar Zahav** on the loss of its friend, Dumont Howard, and its incoming member, Bruce Apter.

To **Devorah Honigstein** on the loss of her father, Adam Honigstein.

To **Margaret Livingston** on the loss of her mother, Agnes Lowenstein.

To **Ernie Weinstein** on the loss of his cousin, Norman Schafer

To **Dan Bellm** on the loss of his friend, Dave Dvorsky.

To **Richard Inlander and Shirley Liberman** on the loss of their friend, John Stuart-Munn.

To **Walter Palmer** on the loss of his friend, David Hyman.

To **Ellen Kugler** on the loss of her friend, Sheri Reiss.



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Birthdays

- 1 Yoram Gall
- 2 Thomas Yazman
- 4 Paul Quin
- 4 Michael J. McCormick
- 6 Mercedes Grace Laurencin
- 6 Linda Joy Hanely
- 7 Debbi Jacobs
- 8 George Lucas
- 8 Merry Luskin
- 9 Susan Greenwald
- 10 Sonia Douglass
- 10 Cindy Icke
- 11 Abraham Cohen
- 12 Ralph Frischman
- 12 Walter Leiss
- 12 Lane Schickler
- 12 William S. Goldstein
- 14 Jill Rose
- 15 Ron Lezell
- 15 Philip Charney
- 19 A. David Shaber
- 19 Donald W. Albert
- 20 Hannah Jane Cohen-Blair
- 24 Ellen Kugler
- 25 Murray Miller
- 26 Jose Luis Moscovich
- 29 David M.
- 30 Walter Palmer
- 30 Leslie Bergson
- 31 Sam Thal

Anniversaries

- 1 David Friedmann & Marie Anne
- 9 Yolande Schneeman & Lori Couzens
- 31 Florence Nacamulli & Steven Nacamulli


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November Va'ad Report

The meeting began with the welcome news that the second edition of our cookbook, *Out of Our Kitchen Closets*, will be shipped to the congregation in mid-November.

In his report, Treasurer Ben Schalit noted that 250 membership "units" have pledged dues thus far for 1988-89. This number includes both individuals and families.

The major item for the agenda was a discussion about the High Holidays, to elicit feedback and begin planning for next year. A subcommittee recently toured another suggested site, and based on the committee's recommendation, the decision was made to remain at the Unitarian Center for another year, and to continue the overflow accommodations begun this year. Jenny Helbraun, office manager, reported that we have received High Holiday contributions from 267 individuals.

Merry Luskin, membership chair, presented nine individuals and three families who were approved for membership. Don Albert, finance chair, presented two motions from the Finance Committee which were passed: (1) that new members billing for the Building Assessment start at the January after being voted into membership, and, (2) that the congregation allocate up to \$1500 to purchase a computer for the rabbi.

Robin Leonard, president, presented a motion from the Bikkur Cholim Committee to allocate \$1800 in Chanukah gifts from the AIDS fund as follows: Project Open Hand, \$400; AIDS Food Bank, \$400; Shanti Project, \$400; Godfather Fund, \$200; AIDS Emergency Fund, \$200; and Jewish Emergency Assistance

Fund for People with AIDS, Jewish Family and Children's Services, \$200. This motion passed unanimously. Robin also presented the Women's Chavurah report on its recent successful activities: 27 donors at the September Blood Drive, and almost 200 in attendance at "A Taste of Honey" Dance in October. In addition to the good time had by all, the chavurah donated \$592 to the synagogue in profit from the dance.

The Va'ad retired into closed session to continue its discussion on personnel matters.

—Ellen Kugler, Recorder

Christmas Volunteers

The congregation is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals on Christmas Day for Project Open Hand. The project needs 35 teams of three persons each to deliver meals in place of their regular volunteers who will be observing Christmas with their friends.

Claudia Bernard is chairing our participation and volunteers are also being sought from other San Francisco synagogues. Volunteers will need to be available from 4 to 6 pm on Sunday, December 25. If you are interested, please contact the synagogue office and leave your name and telephone number.

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Sibling Notes

Ahavat Shalom (San Francisco)—Ahavat Shalom opened a monthly Shabbat morning school, to meet the same time as its monthly Shabbat morning services, on September 10 for children aged four to six years old.

Am Tikvah (Boston)—On November 4, Am Tikvah paid tribute to Harvey Milk on the 10th anniversary of his assassination. The evening included a memorial service and the screening of the movie, "The Times of Harvey Milk."

Bet Haverim (Atlanta)—Bet Haverim is planning a lesbian and gay trip to Israel June 11-23, 1989. The total cost will be approximately \$1700 (plus air fare to and from New York). Anyone interested in joining our Atlanta siblings must send them a \$50 deposit by December 15. (The balance is due by April 14, 1989.) Mail it to Congregation Bet Haverim, P.O. Box 54947, Atlanta, GA 30308-0947. For more information, call them at (404) 642-3467.

Beth Chayim Chadashim (Los Angeles)—BCC installed its new rabbi, Denise L. Eger, on October 21. Rabbi Eger was ordained at Hebrew Union College's New York campus this past June. Mazel tov—may you enjoy many years together!

Congregation Beth Simchat Torah (New York)—Dedi Zucker, secretary-general of the Citizens Rights Party and member of the Israeli Knesset, addressed 500 CBST worshippers last September. Zucker and his party were instrumental in helping legalize homosexuality in Israel last March.

Tikvah Chadashah (Seattle)—Our Seattle siblings recently received a letter from a man who was visiting Seattle and was looking to make some gay/Jewish friends. What's so unusual about that? The man is an ordained Chassidic rabbi and a leather S&M master! We truly are everywhere.

Yachad (South Africa)—Yachad celebrated its fifth anniversary this past August with a "come as you are" party. The invitation went on to say "we do not mind what you wear, or how you come, but we want to see each and every one of you there."

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Library Notes

Holiday Tales of Sholom Aleichem
Aliza Shevrin, translator

The fire is lit. Kick off your shoes and make yourself comfortable. As you open *Holiday Tales* prepare to listen to a master storyteller. Sholom Aleichem lulls you into the world of Kasrilevka as the townspeople experience Pesach, Sukkot, Chanukah and Purim.

I was thoroughly captivated and drawn into a world very different from my own. But I had no trouble relating to this world, since Sholom Aleichem's picture of daily life is so complete.

"The Etrog" is a story about a boy who is overwhelmed by the desire to taste his father's etrog, the first the father has been able to afford. The boy succeeds in rendering the etrog unfit for Sukkot, but gets away with it—sort of. I had no trouble relating this to my own boyhood shenanigans.

Sholom Aleichem writes realistically, with warmth and humor, about the foibles of humanity. Characters such as Really Moisheh are so improbable they are real. I would have cried at the destruction of the sukkah that Really Moisheh built in "Really a Sukkah" if I had not laughed so much. If, after inviting Moses and Aaron to join your meal in the sukkah, a goat falls through the roof onto the table, is one not allowed to laugh?

But I couldn't help but cry with the boy in "The Ruined Passover" as he breaks down during the Seder, even as I realized that the boy has imprisoned himself on this day of liberation.

Seven tales told through the eyes of boys tell of anger, guilt, foolishness, love and harsh reality in the Russian Jewish world of the last century. I hope you enjoy it.

—Bill Ashley-Dobbin

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ilde Krim for her magnificent work on behalf of people with AIDS.

This is what the committee did in October in New York. These are the women and men who are standing with us during this time of crisis. It is an honor to be associated with them.

—Mike Rankin, UAHC Liaison

Synagogue Information

Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Officers:

President, Robin Leonard
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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am — check calendar for each month.

Committee Chairs:

Bikkur Cholim, Paul Cohen
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